## State of South Caroling Governor's Proclamation

- **WHEREAS,** alcohol and drug addiction is a major public health problem, affecting millions of Americans at a cost of billions of dollars per year; and
- **WHEREAS,** addictions counselors are uniquely qualified, frontline health care professionals vital to the process of guiding patients with addictive disorders to recovery; and
- WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals are committed to increasing public knowledge of alcohol and drug dependency and to enhancing the care of individuals, families, and communities through treatment, education, and prevention programs; and
- WHEREAS, National Addictions Counselor Day recognizes and honors the work of addictions counselors while raising awareness about the effectiveness of alcohol and drug addiction treatments.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2004, as

## ADDICTIONS COUNSELORS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize addictions counselors in the Palmetto State for their commitment to reducing chemical dependency among our residents.



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